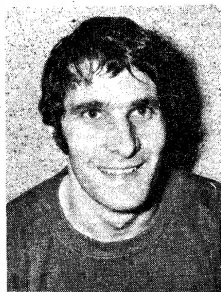


Meet the men carrying the hopes of the Midlands at Loakes Park



EDDIE DUFFIELD

... key midfield player

MEET the squad gathered together by Oldbury United manager Alan Hawkes, and at present carrying the hopes of all Midlands in the Amateur Cup.

On Saturday they take on Wycombe Wanderers, one of the most strongly fancied survivors in the competition, for a place among the last eight.

Young, fit and keen, Oldbury are reputed to have no particular stars, yet are not lacking in individual talent.

KEITH EVANS (goalkeeper)—aged 19, trainee sales executive, former Wolves trialist who has been attending the Bert Williams' training school for two years. Keith has exceptionally sharp reflexes.

TREVOR REECE (full-back)—aged 19, signed from local soccer, he has made the switch from wing-half to full-back after moving from the reserve side, rated one of the best backs in the Midland Combination.



MICKY SABIN

... four goals at Newquay

JOHN BUCKNALL (centre-back)—aged 26, club skipper, he is a strong skilful defender who was voted the club's Player of the Year last season, works as a lathe turner.

JOHN INCHMORE (centre-back)—aged 22, commanding, intelligent defender who is very strongly built. He is taking a Physical Education degree at Salley College and plays cricket for Northumberland.

ALAN MOORE (left-back)—aged 22, he is a former West Bromwich Albion junior who has a very professional approach to the game. Newly married, he works as a toolmaker.

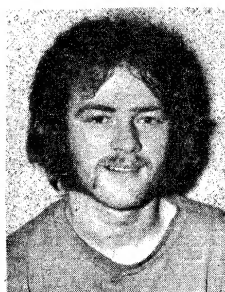
ALAN WARD (midfield)—returned to the club after leaving last season, a non-stop worker he can do a good job at marking a specific player out of a game.

ALAN JONES (midfield)—signed from West Midlands League side Brierley Hill Alliance he is a strong and talented attacking player. Oldbury beat several semi-professional sides for his signature.

MICKY SABIN (wing)—aged 22, little player with a lot of courage, scorer of four goals in the last round at Newquay, a trialist with Walsall and Wolves he works as a welder.

EDDIE DUFFIELD (inside-forward)—aged 26, Birmingham County F.A. player and a key member of the Oldbury set-up, respected in Midland amateur soccer, works as an estimator.

DOUG PASH (midfield)—Bambayant character who never gives up, joined the club from Smethwick Highfield, very skilful on the ground.



GEORGE JACKSON

... two in two minutes in the last round

These pictures and those that appeared in 'Mid-week' by courtesy of the 'Birmingham Mail'.

GEORGE JACKSON (striker)—aged 20, picked up from local soccer and developing rapidly, two goals in two minutes at Newquay in the last round, works in the manufacturing of scaffolding.

DAVE BURROWS (striker)—23-year-old draughtsman he was signed from Dudley Town in the West Midlands League, possesses a 'hot shot'.

PAUL ROCK (full-back)—aged 22, longest serving member in the first team squad, a toolmaker by trade.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton U.	26	23	1	4	58	27	47
Wycombe	25	19	3	3	63	20	41
Hendon	25	14	6	5	66	22	34
St. Albans	24	14	6	3	50	19	34
Enfield	25	14	5	6	34	15	33
Barking	28	15	3	10	68	38	33
Oxford C.	26	13	7	8	47	32	33
Ilford	26	12	7	7	43	32	31
Leistonstone	24	10	8	6	37	27	28
With'mstow	28	10	7	11	48	45	27
Woking	26	11	5	10	40	38	27
Hitchin	27	8	7	12	33	41	23
Wexham	27	9	5	13	31	45	23
Tooting	24	7	7	10	34	36	21
Kingstonian	26	7	7	12	37	52	21
Malton	26	7	4	15	29	49	18
Bromley	24	5	3	16	18	63	13
Dulwich H.	24	3	6	15	18	41	12
Clapton	27	3	5	19	22	70	11
C. Casuals	24	1	4	19	16	79	6

Thus far. Any further?

OLDBURY UNITED have never before reached the first round proper of the Amateur Cup.

It's been a long, hard struggle since early season for them to reach that duck.

They began with a 5-2 home win over Midland Combination rivals Stratford Town in the extra qualifying round.

In the 1st qualifying round, Wellington side, G.K.N. Sankey held them to a goalless draw at Oldbury, but fell 3-0 to United in the replay.

In between rounds, Jones was signed from Brierley Hill and the Oldbury climb continued. A goal by Duffield settled the second qualifying round battle home to Whitmore, another League rival, and in qualifying round three, Oldbury hit the

Midland headlines for the first time by depositing Midland Combination champions Paget Rangers 2-0 in a replay after drawing at Paget 2-2.

The final qualifying round saw present league leaders, Evesham, fall to a goal from Mick Sabin, who so often this season has been first to score for the United.

He added to his tally when Oldbury travelled to Manchester for a 2-1 first round proper win against Irlam, and banged in four more as his side crushed Western Leaguers Newquay on their own ground by 7-1 to reach the last 16.

Thus far. Any further? Oldbury start inevitably as underdogs to the side rated as Cup favourites. And Sabin is no more than 50-50 for tomorrow.

Scarves on sale

WYCOMBE WANDERERS F.C. supporters' scarves are now available from the Supporters Club shop at Loakes Park, and will be on sale at tomorrow's Cup match.